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Mr. Timothy Prior
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RE: Central Landfill Ecological Characterization Report, Operable Unit 2, Remedial Investigation - Task 2, June 1994.

Dear Tim,

Enclosed for your information (and if you wish comment), is one copy of the Ecological Characterization Report for the Central Landfill Superfund Site. EPA's oversight contractor, HNUS has reviewed the Report. HNUS had many comments, however, their review has shown that the characterization performed was generally acceptable. A copy of the HNUS review is also enclosed.

A risk assessment meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week of April in Boston. I hope that you will be able to attend. Please let me know which days during that week are OK with you. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and finalize to the extent possible, the remaining scope of the OU2 RI/FS, i.e., will the current plan satisfy all the risk assessment needs. In addition to discussing the general remaining scope, I also expect to discuss in detail:

- 1) the adequacy of the Upper Simmons Reservoir sediment characterization, i.e., is the quality and quantity of sediment data adequate to evaluate the human health and ecological risks associated with potential exposures to these sediments under present conditions;
- 2) The RISWMC is still under order by the RIDEM to dredge the landfill derived sediments from the Upper Simmons Reservoir. Can the sediment data be used to verify that the planned dredging activities will not result in any increased/unacceptable risks?



- 3) Should our assessment of the human health and ecological risks associated with the potential exposure to Upper Simmons Reservoir sediments be based on the current conditions or the conditions which will exist after dredging. Can a risk assessment be performed that will tell us which condition will be the worse case?

I'll have a formal Agenda prepared before the meeting. If you have any questions or ideas for Agenda items please call me at (617) 573-5779.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim".

James M. Brown
Remedial Project Manager

cc. Dick Boynton, Chief, RI Superfund Section